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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMPUSSION VED 1 DOCKETED 71117 JAN -9 P 2: 09 2 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL **CHAIRMAN** 3 JAN 0 9 2002 JIM IRVIN AZ CORP COMMISSION COCUMENT CONTROL COMMISSIONER 4 MARC SPITZER **DOCKETED BY** M COMMISSIONER 5 DOCKET NO. SW-03841A-01-0166 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF 6 MOUNTAIN PASS UTILITY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING. DOCKET NO. W-03528A-01-0169 7 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PICACHO WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL 8 OF FINANCING. 9 DOCKET NO. SW-03709A-01-0165 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PICACHO SEWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL 10 PROCEDURAL ORDER OF FINANCING. 11 BY THE COMMISSION: 12 On February 26, 2001, Mountain Pass Utility Company ("MPUC"), Picacho Water Company 13 ("PWC") and Picacho Sewer Company ("PSC") separately filed financing applications with the 14 Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"). 15 On November 16, 2001, the Utilities Division ("Staff") filed its Staff Report in the MPUC 16 matter. 17 On November 26, 2001, the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") filed Comments 18 in the MPUC matter. 19 On December 10, 2001, MPUC filed exceptions to the Staff Report and RUCO's Comments 20 in the MPUC matter.1 21 Accordingly, the issues in each case are similar to warrant consolidation and require a 22 hearing. 23 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-109(H), applications may be consolidated for purposes of hearing. 24 The matters are substantially related and no party will be prejudiced by their consolidation. 25 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the above-captioned matters are hereby consolidated for 26 purposes of hearing. 27 28 ¹ There were similar filings in the other two dockets.

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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall commence on January 31, 2002, at 9:00
2	a.m., at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
3	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file lists of witnesses and exhibits no later
4	than January 25, 2002.
5	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized
6	Communications) applies to this proceeding as the matter is now set for public hearing.
7	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend or waive
8	any portion of this Procedural Order by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.
9	DATED this 9th day of January, 2002.
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12	PHILIP J. DION III
13	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
14	and the state of t
15	Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered this Am day of January, 2002 to:
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